

MEMO

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Subject: Authorization to Amend or Enter into Agreement with US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

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Executive Summary

The San Francisco Estuary Project (SFEP) is one of 28 programs mandated under Section 320: National Estuary Program (NEP) of the Clean Water Act. The US Congress appropriates funds each year for the NEP to be distributed through EPA. The funds are allocated equally to the 28 programs, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2009 each program will receive \$ 600,000.

A total match of \$ 200,000 is required. ABAG will provide \$15,000 in-kind services and the State Water Resources Control Board will provide \$550,000 in in-kind match for office space, computers, telephones, printing, mailing and other overhead expenses for 17 estuary project staff..

Recommended Action

The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director or designee to amend or enter into a new cooperative agreement with EPA on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Project to provide technical, public involvement and administrative support in implementing the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP). The agreement term will be extended to December 31, 2010.

Next Steps

SFEP will apply for the NEP grant by June 1, 2009.